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1. (LOU) "FRIDAY REPORT", PREPARED FOR A/S WEEKLY

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3. (U) AF

THIS WEEK IN AF

A/S MOOSE BEGAN THE WEEK RECEIVING SENEGAL'S PRESIDENT DIOUF, WHO ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON SUNDAY ON A WORKING VISIT. MR. MOOSE ACCOMPANIED HIM TO HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON, AND ATTENDED VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S LUNCH IN DIOUF'S HONOR.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY SPENT TIME WITH AMBASSADOR MELISSA WELLS THIS WEEK AS SHE PREPARES TO ASSUME HER NEW DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON SUDAN.

ON WEDNESDAY, MR. MOOSE MET WITH VISITING GABONESE FOREIGN MINISTER JEAN PING AND ON THURSDAY WITH UK MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT BARONESS LYNDAL CHALKER.

A/S MOOSE IS ATTENDING THE EU TROIKA CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS MAY 26-28 AND WILL RETURN TO THE OFFICE MAY 31.

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KEY PERSONNEL

AF/C DIRECTOR ARLENE RENDER IS OFF FOR SOME WELL-EARNED MOTHERING IN OHIO UNTIL JUNE 2; REED IS MINDING THE STORE. DAVID RAWSON TRAVELED WITH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE FERRARO TO THE UNHRC SPECIAL SESSION ON RWANDA IN GENEVA.

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LAURA LANE FROM EMBASSY KIGALI, WHO HAS BEEN OF INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE AF/C RWANDA TEAM, WILL BE MOVING TO THE OPS CENTER JUNE 1.

ZAIRE

-- TROIKA TALKS...BOUTROS BALKS:
MUCH TO OUR SURPRISE, UNSYG BOUTROS-GHALI REJECTED THE MAY 23 TROIKA DEMARCHE ON ZAIRE. THE SYG TOLD THE THREE PERMREPS THAT HE DID NOT "WISH TO EGAGE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE UN" IN A MISSION TO ZAIRE, SINCE BOTH MOBUTU AND TSHISEKEDI HAD REFUSED TO MEET WITH LAKHDAR BRAHIMI THE UNSYG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, WHO HAD PLANNED TO ARRIVE IN ZAIRE MAY 31.

-- TRILATERAL TO-ING AND FRO-ING:
WITH THE REJECTION AT THE UN, THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE BRAHIMI MISSION, AND THE RELUCTANCE OF MONSENGWO TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE, THE FRENCH EXPRESSED INITIAL RELUCTANCE TO PROCEED WITH THE PARALLEL DEMARCES TO MOBUTU AND THE OPPOSITION, AND FLOATED THE IDEA OF SIMULTANEOUS PRESS TATEMENTS IN PARIS, WASHINGTON AND BRUSSELS. AS OF MAY 26, THE GOF HAD BACKED OFF THE PRESS STATEMENT TRIAL BALLOON, AND SEEMS NOW TO BE WILLING TO ENTERTAIN THE NOTION OF PARALLEL DEMARCHES -- ALBEIT WITH A TOUGHENED MESSAGE FOR TSHISEKEDI, AND AN ASSURANCE FROM THE U.S. THAT THE BELGIANS WILL SPEAK TO THE OPPOSITION LEADER FROM THE SAME SCRIPT. WE ARE COORDINATIG DEMARCHE LANGUAGE WITH PARIS AND BRUSSELS, AND HOPE TO GET AN INSTRUCTION TO THE FIELD NEXT WEEK...UNLESS THE FRENCH CHANGE THEIR MINDS

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-- FORMER PERMREP TO REQUEST ASYLUM:
USUN REPORTS THAT ADEITO BAGBENI, ZAIRE'S FORMER PERMREP TO THE UN, WILL SOON REQUEST POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES. BAGBENI WAS "DE-RECOGNIZED" LATE LAST YEAR AS PERMREP, BUT CONTINUES TO BEAR A LETTER FROM MOBUTU AS "AMBASSADOR" AND "PLENIPOTENTIARY. E HAS ALSO BEEN IMPLICATED BY HIS SUCCESSOR IN A SERIES OF MYSTERIOUS BREAK-INS AT THE ZAIRE MISSION TO THE UN. IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHAT THREAT BAGBENI MIGHT BE UNDER SHOULD HE RETURN TO ZAIRE, BUT HE IS CLEARLY CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF OPTIONS: HE IS AN ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE FOR THE VACANT POST OF PRIME MINISTER.

CAMEROON

-- AMBAZONIA SEEKS STANDING IN ICJ HEARING OF BAKASSI (NO KIDDING):
THE "REPUBLIC OF AMBAZONIA" IS ATTEMPTING TO FILE AN INTERPLEADER WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE ON THE BAKASSI DISPUTE, INSISTING ANY ICJ RULING MUST RESOLVE THE "AMBAZONIAN" INTEREST IN THE REGION AS PART OF THE CURRENT HEARING. THE AMBAZONIAN CLAIM TO INDEPENDENCE FOR THE AREA INCLUDING BAKASSI STEMS FROM THE SEPARATE UN TRUST TERRITORY FOR SOUTHERN CAMEROON. THE AMBAZONIANS ARE SEEKING PRO BONO LEGAL HELP IN THE U S.

-- BRITISH VIEWS:
BARONESS LYNDAL CHALKER, BRITISH MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT, TOLD A/S MOOSE MAY 26 THE BRITISH ARE MORE
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SYMPATHETIC TO CAMEROON ON THE BAKASSI DISPUTE. THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN MORE BLUNT, BRINGING MAPS AND OTHER INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT THEIR CONTENTION THAT BAKASSI BELONGS TO CAMEROON.

CONGO

-- PEACEFULLY PUTTERING ALONG:
LISSOUBA RETURNED TO BRAZZAVILLE MAY 26 AFTER WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO ASIA. THE PRC HAS GRANTED CONGO A LOAN OF 9 BILLION CFA FRANCS, AND AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO RESCHEDULE CONGO'S DEBTS, ACCORDING TO FBIS. ALL REMAINS PEACEFUL IN CONGO AS THE ASSEMBLY PREPARES TO ADDRESS PRIVATIZATION MATTERS AND THE GOTC

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MULLS OVER A DRAFT HYDROCARBON LAW.

GABON

-- FORMIN PING DELEGATION RECEIVES CLEAR GUIDANCE:
ISITING FORMIN JEAN PING AND ENTOURAGE RECEIVED A CLEAR
MESSAGE FROM ALL DEPARTMENT AND NSC INTERLOCUTORS THAT
GABON MUST MAKE TANGIBLE PROGRESS IN THE AREA OF HUMAN
RIGHTS IN ORDER TO RESTORE FRAYED BILATERAL RELATION .
AAI GAVE A COPY OF THEIR FINAL REPORT ON LAST DECEMBER'S
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TO PING ON MONDAY, MAY 23. THE
&OUND AND ANNEXED VERSION IS DUE TO AAI FROM THE PRINTER
AT THE END OF THIS WEEK.

CHAD

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-- ALL'S QUIET IN THE AOZOU AS CHAD PREPARES TO ASSUME
CONTROL:
AS THE MAY 30 DEADLINE FOR LIBYA TO COMPLETE ITS
WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AOZOU STRIP APPROACHES, THE GOC AND
NASOG REPORT THAT LIBYAN WITHDRAWAL IS ALMOST COMPLETE.
THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT IS SCRAMBLING TO ARRANGE A
DELEGATION TO THE SCHEDULED MAY 30 WITHDRAWAL CEREMONY.
FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, PRESIDENT DEBY WILL MAKE AN
OFFICIAL VISIT TO LIBYA, AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY EXPECT A
SUBSTANTIAL GIFT FOR HIS CASH-STARVED TREASURY. IT
REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER LIBYAS ITHDRAWAL FROM THE
AOZOU IS PERMANENT, OR JUST A SMOKESCREEN TO HIDE FURTHER
MEDDLING IN CHAD.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

-- NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL NAMED IN HEALTH MINISTRY:
LUCIENNE GABA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE BANGUI PEDIATRIC

COMPLEX, WAS NAMED THE FIRST WOMAN DIRECTOR GENERAL THIS
WEEK. GABA, WHO IS NOT A PHYSICIAN BUT HAS CONSIDERABLE
EXPERIENCE IN THE HEALTH FIELD, WAS CONSIDERED EFFECTIVE
IN HER TENURE AT THE PEDIATRIC COMPLEX, WHERE SHE WAS ABLE
TO MAINTAIN A REASONABLE LEVEL OF CARE DESPITE AN ALMOST
TOTAL LACK OF RESOURCES. HER PORTFOLIO WILL INCLUDE THE
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL DEPARTMENTS IN THE MINISTRY
AS WELL AS THE COORDINATION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. THE
FATASSE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE RESTORATION OF ADEQUATE HEALTH

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SERVICES ONE OF THE PRIORITIES FOR ITS FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE.

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RWANDA

-- THE CARNAGE GOES ON:
BOTH THE FIGHTING AND THE KILLING OF CIVILIANS CONTINUE UNABATED IN RWANDA. THE RPF NOW CONTROLS MOST OF THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN PORTIONS OF THE COUNTRY, AND A FIERCE BATTLE STILL RAGES OVER CONTROL OF KIGALI. IN A KEY VICTORY, THE RPF TOOK CONTROL OF KIGALI AIRPORT AND A NEARBY GOR MILITARY STRONGHOLD. THOUSANDS OF HUTUS ARE REPORTEDLY FLEEING SOUTH FROM KIGALI ON FOOT, FEARING THEY WILL BE KILLED BY THE ADVANCING RPF FORCES IN RETALIATION FOR PRIOR MASSACRES. THOUSANDS MORE REMAIN TRAPPED IN HOTELS, SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES BEHIND GOVERNMENT LINES DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE U.S , UN, AND MANY WESTERN AND AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS (WITH OUR ENCOURAGEMENT) TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR SAFE RELEASE.

-- UN CONTINUES EFFORTS TO REINFORCE UNAMIR:
THE U.S. SENT A TEAM TO THE UN ON MAY 26 TO HELP DEVELOP PLANS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL UNAMIR TROOPS. MEANWHILE, DEPUTY HEAD OF PEACEKEEPING IQBAL RIZA AND GENERAL BARIL TRAVELED TO RWANDA AND MET WITH BOTH SIDES TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY FOR A CEASE-FIRE AND OBTAIN THEIR VIEWS ON THE UNAMIR EXPANSION. SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS TO UNAMIR (GHANA SEEMS RELATIVELY FIRM, SENEGAL AND ETHIOPIA HAVE TOLD THE UN THEY WOULD CONTRIBUTE, AND THE OAU SAYS ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA, NIGERIA, CONGO AND TANZANIA ARE ALSO WILLING); HOWEVER, THERE ARE FEW FIRM OFFERS AND THE UN STILL NEEDS TO LINE-UP MANY MORE TROOPS.

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-- UNHRC SPECIAL SESSION NAMES SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR FOR RWANDA:
THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HELD A SPECIAL SESSION ON RWANDA MAY 24 AND 25 IN GENEVA. THE COMMISSION RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS NAMED RENE DEGNI SEGUI, DEAN OF THE

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LAW FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ABIDJAN, AS SPECIAL RAPPOREUR FOR RWANDA, CALLS FOR A TEAM OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS TO ASSIST HIM, AND NOTED THAT "GENOCIDAL ACTS MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN RWANDA." THE SPECIAL RAPPOREUR IS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL WITHIN FOUR WEEKS.

BURUNDI

-- BURUNDI REMAINS CALM:
ALTHOUGH ALMOST 70,000 RWANDAN REFUGEES HAVE NOW ENTERED BURUNDI, THE COUNTRY REMAINS OUTWARDLY CALM. BURUNDIAN POLITICAL AND JUDICIAL LEADERS ARE CONSULTING WITH THE OAU ABOUT A CONSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM TO ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT, WHILE INTERIM PRESIDENT Ntibantunganya CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WITH THE MILITARY. EMBASSY BUJUMBURA REPORTS THAT THE CITY IS CALM, AND THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF GUNFIRE FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS. THE SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF KAMENGE AND KINAMA, THE SITE OF MILITARY DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGNS WHICH GENERATED CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE FROM THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL. TRAVEL BETWEEN BUJUMBURA AND THE RWANDA BORDER IS NORMAL, AND SOME AMERICAN RELIEF AND RELIGIOUS WORKERS HAVE BEEN TRAVELING INTO RWANDA TO CHECK ON COLLEAGUES, DESPITE EMBASSY BUJUMBURA'S BEST EFFORTS TO

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DISSUADE THEM.

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TANZANIA

-- MOBUTU GETTING IN THE WAY:
THE GOT HAS CANCELLED THE MAY 27-29 ARUSHA SESSION ON RWANDA. PRIME MINISTER MALECELA TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR THAT THE LATEST ATTEMPT TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER WAS ABORTED BY MOBUTU, WHO LAMBASTED TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RWEGASIRA WHEN HE WENT TO ZAIRE TO SOLICIT HIS PARTICIPATION. MOBUTU CLAIMED THAT HE, AS THE "MEDIATOR," IS IN CHARGE OF THE RWANDA PEACE PROCESS AND WOULD ONLY AGREE TO A SUMMIT IN GOMA ZAIRE. MALECELA SAID THAT GANDAN PRESIDENT MUSEVENI IS NOT FOND OF MOBUTU AND WOULD REFUSE TO GO TO ZAIRE, AND THAT THE OTHER KEY REGIONAL LEADER, PRESIDENT MOI OF KENYA, ALSO HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT RETURNING MOBUTU TO THE LIMELIGHT. THE GOT HAS

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ASKED THAT WE APPLY PRESSURE ON MUSEVENI TO ATTEND A POSSIBLE JUNE 5 REGIONAL SUMMIT IN ZAIRE WE ARE RELUCTANT TO GET INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS DEBATE AND TO GIVE MOBUTU THE ATTENTION HE SEEKS.

COMOROS

-- DEVALUATION HAS NOT HELPED MORIBUND ECONOMY:
EMBASSY PORT LOUIS REPORTS THAT THE DEVALUATION OF THE COMORIAN FRANC HAS NOT HELPED THE ECONOMY. ITS PRIMARY EXPORTS OF VANILLA AND CLOVES ARE ALREADY IN OVERSUPPLY AND FACE STIFF COMPETITION FROM FAR-EASTERN SUPPLIERS.

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ALTHOUGH THE OPENING OF A SECOND SOFT DRINK BOTTLING PLANT HAS EFFECTIVELY DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF LARGER SCALE DOMESTIC INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES (TO TWO), INCREASED FOREIGN INVESTMENT SEEMS UNLIKELY. HIGH UTILITY COSTS, AN UNDEREDUCATED WORKFORCE, AND CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE MAKE COMOROS A SINGULARLY UNATTRACTIVE PLACE TO INVEST. WHAT HAS BUFFERED THE SHOCK OF THE DEVALUATION SO FAR IS THE NATURE OF THE COMORIAN ECONOMY, WHICH IS DEPENDENT ON HARD CURRENCY FOREIGN AID AND REMITTANCES FROM THE ESTIMATED 100,000 COMORIANS LIVING ABROAD.

MAURITIUS

-- FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO DIEGO A SUCCESS:
THE MAY 18-19 VISIT TO DIEGO GARCIA BY FOREIGN MINISTER KASENALLY APPEARS TO HAVE LESSENED TENSIONS WITH THE UK OVER MAURITIAN TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO, AND HAS PUT THE GOM AT EASE OVER WHAT EXACTLY THE US NAVY DOES ON DIEGO. WHILE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES ON DIEGO WERE SOMETIMES HEAVY-HANDED IN EMPHASIZING UK SOVEREIGNTY, THE US NAVY STAFF'S EFFICIENCY AND STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS APPEARED TO IMPRESS THE MAURITIANS NOW THAT THE GOM KNOWS THAT THE NAVY HAS TAKEN GOOD CARE OF THE ISLAND AND IS NOT UP TO NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES THERE, IT MAY BE BETTER DISPOSED TOWARD THE US MILITARY, INCLUDING TOWARD US SHIP VISITS TO MAURITIUS WHICH HAVE BEEN DISALLOWED BECAUSE OF THE US "NO-TELL" NUCLEAR POLICY. KASENALLY STILL APPEARS FRUSTRATED BY THE UK'S RELUCTANCE TO EVEN DISCUSS THE RETURN OF SOME OF THE UNNEEDED OUTER ISLANDS OF THE ARCHIPELAGO, WHICH COULD BE USED TO RESETTLE SOME OF THE ILOIS (FORMER CHAGOS

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RESIDENTS) WHO ARE STEPPING UP THEIR CAMPAIGN TO RETURN TO
THE ARCHIPELAGO.

MADAGASCAR

-- MADAGASCAR TO LEASE BOEING 737:
AFTER TWO YEARS OF INDECISION, THE GOM HAS FINALLY SIGNED
A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ONE BOEING 737 FOR AIR
MADAGASCAR THIS CULMINATES ABOUT TWO YEARS OF EMBASSY

LOBBYING AND MARKS A DEFEAT FOR THE FRENCH. WHO HAVE
APPLIED CONSTANT AND SOMETIMES QUESTIONABLE PRESSURE ON
THE GOM TO PURCHASE AN AIRBUS PLANE.

SOMALIA

-- ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT FOR RECONCILIATION TALKS?:
AIDEED AND ALI MAHDI HAVE YET TO AGREE ON A VENUE FOR THE
PREPARATORY ROUND OF RECONCILIATION TALKS, WHICH ARE NOW
SCHEDULED TO START ON MAY 30. AIDEED IS INSISTING ON
MOGADISHU, WHILE ALI MAHDI INSISTS THAT IT NOT BE
MOGADISHU, PREFERRING NAIROBI OR CAIRO. ALI MAHDI
REPORTEDLY WANTS THE TALKS TO GET UNDERWAY WITH OR WITHOUT
AIDEED. THE KISMAYO RECONCILIATION GATHERING STARTED ON
MAY 24; DICK BOGOSIAN AND A/SRSG KOUYATE FLEW DOWN FROM
MOGADISHU FOR THE OPENING SESSION. A NUMBER OF KEY PEOPLE
SHOWED UP BUT LEADERS FROM THE OGADENI CLAN DID NOT
APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF INTERNAL DISAGREEMENTS. OGADENI
UPPORT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESS OF ANY AGREEMENT
REACHED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

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-- UNOSOM MANDATE RENEWAL:
DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING IN NEW YORK ON THE NEW US
DRAFT, WHICH CALLS FOR A MANDATE EXTENSION OF FOUR MONTHS
WITH A 45-DAY REVIEW OF PROGRESS TOWARD POLITICAL
RECONCILIATION. THE COUNCIL IS LIKELY TO MEET ON SOMALIA
ON MAY 31. IN A LONG-AWAITED REPORT, THE SECRETARY
GENERAL CALLED FOR A SIX MONTH EXTENSION WITH PERIODIC
REVIEWS OF PROGRESS. THE REPORT DESCRIBED THE SITUATION
SOMBERLY BUT URGED THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO GIVE THE SOMALIS
ONE "LAST CHANCE." IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS AND/OR IF

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MAJOR VIOLENCE RETURNS, BOUTROS GHALI SAID HE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO CALL FOR UNOSOM'S TERMINATION WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF TERMINATION, WE HAVE RECEIVED LITTLE SUPPORT FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE USC FOR THE IDEA OF INCLUDING A THREAT FOR UNOSOM TO WITHDRAW IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS.

SUDAN

-- IGADD PEACE TALKS DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES: EMBASSY NAIROBI REPORTED THAT THE IGADD PEACE TALKS CONVENED MAY 18 TO DISCUSS A DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AUTHORED BY THE IGADD PARTNERS. THE DRAFT WAS VERY FAVORABLE TOWARD INTERESTS OF THE SUDANESE PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY (SPLA), AND INCLUDED REFERENCES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND AN OPTION FOR SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE. SUDANESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATES IMMEDIATELY

TRIED TO OBJECT TO THE DRAFT BUT IGADD TOLD ALL THE PARTIES TO TAKE HOME TO THEIR LEADERS AND SAVE OFFICIAL REACTIONS FOR JULY 18, WHEN THE TALKS ARE TO RECONVENE.
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UGANDA

-- CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY GOES TO WORK:
THE RECENTLY-ELECTED CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WAS FORMALLY INAUGURATED MAY 18 BY PRESIDENT MUSEVENI, AND HAS BEGUN DELIBERATIONS ON A NEW CONSTITUTION MUSEVENI URGED THE DELEGATES TO AVOID THE TEMPTATION TO TRANSPLANT "MANAGEMENT" MODELS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND, RATHER FOCUS ON A SYSTEM THAT WILL FIT WITH UGANDA'S SOCIAL BASIS.

-- CONTINUING INSTABILITY IN THE NORTH:
THE REBELS OF THE LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY CONTINUE TO CREATE INSTABILITY IN NORTH-CENTRAL UGANDA, WITH A VARIETY OF ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIANS COMING TO LIGHT IN RECENT WEEKS. THERE IS GROWING CONCERN IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE REGION THAT THE INSTABILITY IS AFFECTING OVERLAND RELIEF CONVOYS TRAVELING INTO SOUTHERN SUDAN.

KENYA

-- MORE OPPOSITION MP'S DEFECT TO KANU:
FOUR MORE OPPOSITION MP'S DEFECTED TO THE RULING KANU

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PARTY ON MAY 20. AS A RESULT, NO OPPOSITION PARTY CURRENTLY HOLDS THE MINIMUM 30 PARLIAMENTARY SEATS THAT ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER FOR THERE TO BE AN OFFICIAL "OPPOSITION" IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE DEFECTING MP WILL HAVE TO RECONTEST THEIR SEATS IN PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTIONS IN LATE JUNE, AND THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THESE CONTESTS WILL BE NASTY.

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DJIBOUTI

-- GROD CAMPAIGNS FOR CASH:
THE GROD IS EMBARKED ON A COORDINATED CAMPAIGN FOR MORE DONOR ASSISTANCE. DJIBOUTI'S AMBASSADOR TO THE US AND UN PITCHED ADDITIONAL AID TO AF/E DIRECTOR SHINN ON MAY 23 AND WAS EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIMILAR FLEA TO AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT LATER IN THE WEEK. MEANWHILE IN DJIBOUTI, PRESIDENT GOULED CONVOKED AMBASSADOR CHESHES TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE WITH DJIBOUTI'S MUCH-NEEDED MILITARY DEMOBILIZATION PROGRAM. WHILE PROSPECTS FOR SUBSTANTIAL U.S. ASSISTANCE ARE EXTREMELY LOW WASHINGTON IS EXPLORING WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER AT LEAST SOME ADVICE OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON THE DEMOBILIZATION ISSUE.

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-- GENEVA MEETING ON LDC DEBT:
CREDITOR, IMF AND WORLD BANK REPS MET WITH ACADEMICS ON MAY 19-20 TO DISCUSS THE DEBT PROBLEM OF SEVERELY INDEBTED LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES (SILICS) AT AN INFORMAL SEMINAR SPONSORED BY SWITZERLAND AND SWEDEN. PARTICIPANTS CONCURRED THAT THE SILICS' PROBLEM IS PRIMARILY ONE OF DEBT OVERHANG, RATHER THAN OF CASH FLOW. SINCE MOST SILICS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OUTGROW THEIR DEBT PROBLEMS THROUGH EXPORT EXPANSION, MANY WILL REQUIRE FURTHER BILATERAL DEBT RELIEF BEYOND THE MOST FAVORABLE TERMS CURRENTLY OFFERED BY PARIS CLUB CREDITORS. THEY WILL ALSO NEED ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ON GRANT OR HIGHLY CONCESSIONAL TERMS, WITH EMPHASIS ON CONTINUED ECONOMIC REFORMS. PARTICIPANTS FAVORED A CASE-BY-CASE APPROACH TO

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DEBT RELIEF THAT OFFERS CREDITORS A MENU OF OPTIONS. THE GROUP'S DELIBERATIONS ARE UNOFFICIAL, BUT THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS MAY HELP BUILD CONSENSUS AMONG CREDITORS FOR EVENTUAL PROGRESS ON DEEPER DEBT REDUCTION IN THE PARIS CLUB.

-- ESAF CONTRIBUTION AT RISK:

AF IS WORKING WITH EB AND TREASURY ON A CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE THE ADMINISTRATION'S FY 95 REQUEST OF USD 100 MILLION FOR THE IMF'S ENHANCED STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT FACILITY (ESAF). THE HOUSE FOREIGN APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE. IN AN EXPRESSION OF IRRITATION AT THE PERCEIVED LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND A LEGED INSENSITIVITY TO THE PLIGHT OF THE POOR AT THE IMF, ZEROED OUT THE ESAF REQUEST ON MAY 18. THERE IS HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE MONEY CAN BE RESTORED IN THE SENATE. UNDER THE ESAF, THE IMF PROVIDES HIGHLY CONCESSIONAL LOANS TO LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES--MOSTLY IN AFRICA--THAT ARE UNDERTAKING ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND IMPROVE PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH. OF THE 34 ESAF PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED, 23 WERE FOR COUNTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. IN FEBRUARY 1994 THE IMF BEGAN OPERATION OF AN ENLARGED AND EXTENDED ESAF, FINANCED BY CONTRIBUTIONS OF NEARLY USD 3 BILLION FROM A BROAD CROSS SECTION OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE NEW ESAF WILL PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO SOCIAL SAFETY NETS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

-- USAID'S PERFORMANCE-BASED BUDGET MEETINGS:

USAID/AFR HELD BUDGET REVIEW MEETINGS FOR EIGHT AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON MAY 19 AND 20 TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO

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RECOMMEND THAT THESE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ON AFR'S WATCH LIST. THE EIGHT COUNTRIES REVIEWED WERE MALAWI, TANZANIA, MADAGASCAR, KENYA, GUINEA, ETHIOPIA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND NIGER. IT WAS DECIDED THAT KENYA AND GUINEA WOULD BE RECOMMENDED TO AA/AFR JOHN HICKS FOR WATCH-LIST STATUS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ETHIOPIA THE PERFORMANCE OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO DEMOCRACY/GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC POLICY WAS DEEMED TO BE ACCEPTABLE. THE MOST CONTENTIOUS DISCUSSION REVOLVED AROUND ETHIOPIA'S PERFORMANCE ON DEMOCRACY/GOVERNANCE ISSUES. BECAUSE OF THE DEEP DIVIDE BETWEEN THOSE ON EACH SIDE OF THIS ISSUE, NO RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE TO HICKS

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WITH REGARD TO ETHIOPIA'S FUTURE STATUS. TATE/AF CONTINUES, AS IT DID IN THE MEETING, TO WEIGH IN AGAINST ETHIOPIA'S DESIGNATION AS A WATCH-LIST COUNTRY.

7. (U) AF/EX

NO REPORT THIS WEEK.

8. AF/RA

U.S. SUPPORT TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY'S MECHANISM FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION:

-- REGIONAL AFFAIRS HAS BEEN WORKING TO PUT SUBSTANCE BEHIND THE USG'S SUPPRT FOR THE OAU'S COMMITMENT TO PROACTIVELY ENGAGE IN CONFLICT PREVENTION, MEDIATION, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN AFRICA. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS EFFORT IS CONSONANT WITH TE UN CHARTER AND ALSO

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WITH THE REALITIES OF BOTH REQUIREMENTS AND CAPABILITIES REGARDING CONFLICT SITUATIONS IN TODAY'S AFRICA.

-- IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS ALLOCATED USD 4.5 MILLION TO FROVIDE THE OAU WITH ENHANCED CAFABILITIES FOR CONFLICT FREVENTION AND RESOLUTION. PORTIONS OF THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN EXPEDED TO SUPPORT OAU EFFORTS IN RWANDA AND BURUNDI. AFRICA BUREAU HAS JUST COMPLETED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH USAID FOR THE USE OF USD 1.5 MILLION ESF MONEY (PART OF THE USD 4.5 MILLION) TO ASSIT THE OAU IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A SITUATION CENTER AT THE OAU HEADQUARTERS IN ADDIS THIS MONEY WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE COMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, TRAIN CIVILIAN STAFF, AND CREATE PROCEDURES AND SOFTWARE TO ENHANCE THE OAU'S ABILITY TO TRACK CRISIS SITUATIONS AND COMMUNICATE WITH OAU

REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FIELD.

-- OTHER PORTIONS OF THESE FUNDS, FROM THE VOLUNTAR PKO ACCOUNT, WILL PROVIDE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR OAU OBSERVER AND PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS UNDERTAKEN AS DIRECTED BY THE OAU'S MECHANISM ACTIVITY. THE OAU'S COMMITMENT TO THIS SIGNIFICANT MANDATE EXPANSION AFTER

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THREE DECADES OF LARGELY RHETORICAL EXISTENCE IS LESS
THAN A YEAR OLD AND CLEARLY NOT YET CAPABLE OF
HANDLING THE HORRORS OF RWANDA IN ITS CURRENT
COLLAPSE. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT ACTIVE
INVOLVEMENT BY THE OAU MEMBER NATIONS AND THE CURRENT
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SECRETARY GENERAL, SALIM SALIM, TO INCREASE THE
COMPETENCE OF AFRICAN STATES AND THEIR REGIONAL
ORGANIZATION TO HANDLE AFRRICAN PROBLEMS ARE WORTHY
EFFORTS FOR CONTINUED AND EXPANDED FUNDING.

AFRICA 2000

-- ON MAY 20, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE CHAIRED A
CONFERENCE ON "AFRICA IN THE YEAR 2000" AT THE MERIDIAN
INTERNATIONAL CENTER. ORGANIZED WITH INR, THE SESSIONS
DREW TOGETHER PANELS OF EXPERTS FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND
ACADEMIA TO EXAMINE PRESENT ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL
SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL TRENDS IN AFRICA AND TO SUGGEST THE
PROGRAMS REQUIRED TO MEET US POLICY GOALS. FOLLOW ON
SESSIONS WITHIN THE BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS WILL FOCUS
ON REGIONAL ISSUES.

9. (C) AF/S

ANGOLA

-- (C) UNSC REVIEWS UNAVEM:
AMBASSADOR HARE AND HIS TROIKA COLLEAGUES BRIEFED THE
SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE LUSAKA TALKS
ON MAY 25. THE SC IS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS ANGOLA ON MAY
31, THE DAY THE CURRENT UNAVEM II MANDATE EXPIRES. WE
STILL AWAIT A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE GRA REGARDING
THE MARCH 17 MEDIATION PACKAGE.

BOTSWANA

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-- (LOU) BOTSWANA WORRY ABOUT ECONOMY:
OVERLY DEPENDENT ON DIAMOND REVENUES IT APPEARS LIKELY
THAT BOTSWANA S ECONOMY AND REA PER CAPITA GDF WILL

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SHRINK IN 1995. THE GOB CONTINUES TO PURSUE ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND IS PREPARED TO KEEP SUBSIDIZING JOBS,

UT JOB CREATION WILL BE NEGLIGIBLE UNLESS FINANCIAL SERVICES, TOURISM, OR MINING TAKE OFF TREMENDOUSLY.

LESOTHO

-- (C) POLICE STRIKE CONTINUES:
 DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOL AND STRIKING POLICE SHOWS SOME PROMISE OF ENDING THE NOW 16 DAY OLD POLICE STRIKE. THE SOLUTION MAY INVOLVE A GOL PROMISE TO STRENGTHEN CERTAIN ALLOWANCES/BENEFITS, WHILE TURNING THE POLICE DEMAND FOR PAY INCREASES OVER TO A COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE PAY AND CONDITIONS. ONE OF THE KEY MEMBERS OF THE GOL NEGOTIATING TEAM IS INFORMATION MINISTER MALIE, WHO WAS BRIEFLY DETAINED BY POLICE EARLIER THIS WEEK MALIE CLAIMS TO HAVE ESTABLISHED A RAPPORT WITH HIS FORMER CAPTORS. WHILE AN END TO THE POLICE STRIKE WILL AID THE SECURITY SITUATION IN LESOTHO ANY PROMISE TO INCREASE CIVIL SERVICE WAGES WILL CONTRAVENE THE ESAF PACKAGE LAID DOWN BY THE IMF.

MALAWI

-- (LOU) MULUZI SWORN IN; CABINET NAMED:
 AKILI MULUZI WAS SWORN IN AS MALAWI'S FIRST DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED PRESIDENT ON MAY 21. SPEAKING TO
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 AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD OF 100,000, MULUZI PLEDGED TO RESPECT CIVIL LIBERTIES. ON MAY 24, HE ANNOUNCED HIS NEW CABINET WHICH INCLUDED TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM MINOR PARTIES WHICH HAD SUPPORTED THE DF, BUT NO ONE FROM AFORD -- THE OTHER MAIN OPPOSITION PARTY.

MOZAMBIQUE

-- (C) GRM STOCK DECLINES, RENAMO'S RISES:
 SRSG AJELLO AND THE CSC AMBASSADORS ARE CONSIDERING HOW TO RESPOND TO THE GOVERNMENT'S INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE AND CONFRONTATIONAL ATTITUDE IN THE PEACE PROCESS. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN ARE THE GRM'S INSISTENCE ON DELAYING BY ONE MONTH THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL'S TARGET DATES FOR COMPLETION OF TROOP ASSEMBLY (JUNE 1) AND DEMOBILIZATION

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(JULY 15), AND ITS FAILURE TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS REGARDING DEFERRAL OF TRAINING FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE 30,000 MAN UNIFIED ARMY. IN CONTRAST RENAMO HAS AGREED TO ADHERE TO THE UNSC TARGET DATES AND TO PERMIT ONUM Z TO BEGIN VERIFICATION OF TROOP NUMBERS AT ITS NON-ASSEMBLY LOCATIONS. IT HAS ALSO PROMISED TO ALLOW THE DEPLOYMENT OF MOZAMBIKAN POLICE AND UN POLICE OBSERVERS INTO THE

AREAS UNDER ITS CONTROL, AND TO STEP UP COOPERATION WITH NGO'S SEEKING TO IDENTIFY AND ASSIST CHILDREN TAKEN FROM THEIR FAMILIES DURING THE CIVIL WAR. RENAMO LEADER DHLAKAMA IS NO DOUBT SETTING THE STAGE FOR HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, MAY 30 - JUNE 10.

SOUTH AFRICA

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-- (U) ARMS EMBARGO LIFTED; MBEDI VISITS US:
THE UNSC LIFTED THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA MAY 25. IN AN ADDRESS TO THE UN, DEPUTY PRESIDENT MBEDI SAID SOUTH AFRICA INTENDED TO SEEK A REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM; WOULD SEE HOW IT COULD FURTHER THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND RWANDA; AND WOULD HONOR ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NPT, THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION, AND THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION. MBEDI SAID SOUTH AFRICA WOULD SEEK INTERNATIONAL HELP IN CONVERTING ITS MILITARY TECHNOLOGY TO CIVILIAN APPLICATIONS. MBEDI MET MAY 27 IN WASHINGTON WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY.

ZIMBABWE

-- (LOU) LONDON INVESTMENT CONFERENCE SUCCESSFUL:
ZIMBABWEANS IN BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE INVESTMENT CONFERENCE THAT WAS THE CENTERPIECE OF PRESIDENT MUGABE'S STATE VISIT TO THE UK. THE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTED THE STRIDES ZIMBABWE HAS MADE IN REFORMING THE ECONOMY AND IMPROVING THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE. MUGABE EFFECTIVELY DEFUSED THE LAND REDISTRIBUTION AND INDIGENIZATION ISSUES BY ADDRESSING THEM DIRECTLY AT THE OUTSET OF THE CONFERENCE. ZIMBABWEANS HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL LEAD TO JOYFUL CREATION IN THE LONG TERM. IN THE SHORT TERM THEY ARE LOOKING FOR SUBSTANTIAL WAGE INCREASES AND AN END TO THE AUCTIONS OF HOUSES OWNED BY MIDDLE CLASS BLACKS SQUEEZED

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BY THE ECONOMIC REFORMS.

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-- (U) GLOBAL COALITION FOR AFRICA WILL MEET IN HARARE
THE GLOBAL COALITION FOR AFRICA (GCA) WILL MEET IN HARARE
JUNE 1-3. PRESIDENTS MASIRE AND MUGABE WILL HOST A NUMBER
OF AFRICAN AND EUROPEAN LEADERS AS WELL AS SENIOR
OFFICIALS FROM THE WORLD BANK, THE N, AND NGO'S. A /RA
DIRECTOR LEN SHURTLEFF AND AID/AFR/AA JOHN HICKS WILL
REPRESENT THE USG.

10. (C) AF/W

BENIN

-- SOGLO TURNS ATTENTION TO EDUCATIONAL REFORM
OBJECTIVES: MAKING GOOD ON HIS PROMISE THE PRESIDENT
SPENT MAY 19 AT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE
NATIONAL ATTENTION ON SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AND SCHOOL
REFORM FOLLOWING HIS VISITS PRESIDENT SOGLO NOTED
EDUCATION AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S
ECONOMIC REFORM AND THE CONTINUED CONSTRAINT ON
EDUCATIONAL FINANCING IMPOSED BY AUSTERITY MEASURES. HE
HOPES TO PRESS THE WORLD BANK AND IMF TO RELAX SOME OF THE
AUSTERITY CONDITIONS TO PERMIT MORE INVESTMENTS IN
EDUCATION AND HEALTH.

CAPE VERDE

-- U.S. AFRICA AIRLINES CONDUCTS TEST RUN TO SAL:
IN PREPARATION FOR REGULAR AIR SERVICE FROM DULLES TO
JOHANNESBURG VIA SAL ISLAND, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JUNE 4.
USAFRICA AIRLINES CONDUCTED A SUCCESSFUL PROVING RUN INTO
AMILCAR CABRAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON MAY 23. AN FAA

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TEAM ON BOARD THE MACDONNELL DOUGLAS MD-11 RAN TESTS OF
THE CREW AND THE AIRPORT. THE CAPE VERDEANS WERE GIVEN
VERY HIGH MARKS FOR THEIR HANDLING OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE
GOCV AND TACV, THE CAPE VERDEAN NATIONAL AIRLINE, HAVE
BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE DURING THE STARTUP PROCESS.
USAFRICA IS ALREADY TAKING BOOKINGS FOR SAL AND BELIEVES

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THAT THE ISLAND HAS CONSIDERABLE TOURIST POTENTIAL. THEY WOULD LIKE EVENTUALLY TO USE SAL AS A HUB FOR THE WEST AFRICAN MARKET.

COTE D'IVOIRE

-- GUILTY VERDICT UPHELD IN PRESS TRIAL: APPEARING FOR THE THIRD TIME BEFORE THE ABIDJAN COURT OF APPEALS, "LA VOIE" PUBLICATION DIRECTOR SANGARE AND JOURNALIST SEN LOST THEIR APPEAL ON MAY 24 AND WERE SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR INCITING VIOLENCE. THE CASE IS GOING TO THE SUPREME COURT AND IS BEING WATCHED DUE TO SANGARE'S LINK TO THE MAJOR IVORIAN OPPOSITION PARTY

-- IVORIAN STUDENTS UNION (FESCI) CALLS ANOTHER STRIKE THE TWO WEEK STRIKE CALLED MAY 24 AFTER ONLY ONE WEEK OF NORMAL ACTIVITY FOCUSES PRIMARILY ON THE RELEASE OF DETAINED STUDENTS CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF THE STUDENT BODY SEEM RADICALIZED AND PARTICIPATION IN THE STRIKE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ABIDJAN REPORTEDLY REACHED NEARLY 100 PERCENT ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS. THE UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

UNION (SYNARES) ANNOUNCED A 48 HOUR STRIKE BEGINNING MAY 31 IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDENTS. THE GOCI CONTINUES TO TAKE A HARD LINE WITH STUDENT LEADERSHIP BUT HAS MADE MATERIAL

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CHANGES TO MEET STUDENTS' ORIGINAL DEMANDS.

GHANA

-- NORTHERN REGION REMAINS VOLATILE:
A NORTHERN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND OTHERS FAMILIAR WITH THE SITUATION BELIEVE THAT THE GOG AS NOT DEALT EFFECTIVELY WITH TENSIONS IN THE NORTHERN REGION, AND THAT FIGHTING COULD BREAK OUT AGAIN. THE GOG'S CAMPAIGN TO DISARM ELEMENTS IN THE REGION HAS BEEN UNEVEN; THE KONKOMBA, WHO HAVE ENDURED NEIGHBORS' HOSTILITY FOR YEARS, RETAIN MUCH OF THEIR ARSENAL AND THEIR COHESIVENESS AS A FIGHTING FORCE. MP JOSEPH LABIK, A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT RAWLINGS' NDC PARTY, TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT THE POLICE FORCE DEPLOYED TO THE REGION IS INEFFECTIVE; THE ARMY CONTINGENT, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS MORE COMPETENT. LABIK SAID LOCAL SECURITY OFFICIALS MUST HAVE KNOWN ABOUT RISING TENSIONS PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY FIGHTING, BUT HAD NOT WARNED ACCRA.

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-- FOREIGN MINISTER ANNOYED WITH TOGO AGAIN:
 THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS CIRCULATED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE
 VENTING EXASPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TOGO'S LATEST
 ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GHANA, HAVING TO DO WITH THE MAY 3
 BOMBING OF A RESTAURANT IN LOME. THE GHANAIAN NOTE CITES
 THE IRRATIONAL AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE TRADITION OF THE TOGO
 GOVERNMENT OF VILIFYING GHANA WHENEVER CONVENIENT TO
 DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF ITS
 POLICIES." FOREIGN MINISTER ASAMOAH SEEMS PERSONALLY
 OFFENDED BY HIS TOGOLESE COUNTERPART'S HANDLING OF THE
 MATTER; ON MAY 6 HE CALLED IN THE CHARGES OF TOGO AND
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 FRANCE TO REJECT THE PROTEST AND WARN THE GOT , AGAINST
 MAKING GHANA THE SCAPEGOAT OF ITS FOLLIES." (TOGOLESE
 FOREIGN MINISTER NATCHABA IS NOW REPLACED BY BOUMBERA
 ALASSOUNOUMA--SEE ITEM ON TOGO.)

GUINEA-BISSAU

-- EIGHT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN THE RUNNING:
 EIGHT CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT INCLUDING CURRENT PRESIDENT
 VIEIRA TURNED IN THEIR DOCUMENTATION TO THE SUPREME COURT
 BY THE MAY 24 DEADLINE. VIEIRA IS THE LIKELY WINNER
 CANDIDATES WHO COULD CHALLENGE HIM INCLUDE DOMINGOS
 FERNANDES GOMES, HEAD OF THE BAFATA MOVEMENT AND CARLOS
 GOMES, AN INDEPENDENT. THERE IS ONE FEMALE CANDIDATE

ANTONIETA ROSA GOMES. EMBASSY BISSAU CONTINUES TO RECEIVE
 POSITIVE REPORTS ON THE NOW COMPLETED VOTER REGISTRATION
 PROCESS. THE INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE IS
 PROVIDING U.S. ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE: IRI WILL SEND FOUR
 TRAINERS TO BISSAU TO COMPLETE A POLLWATCHER TRAINING
 PROGRAM.

LIBERIA

INTRA-ULIMO FIGHTING INTENSIFIES:
 FOLLOWING WEEKS OF SKIRMISHING, KRANN ULIMO FORCES
 ATTACKED THEIR ERSTWHILE MANDINGO COLLEAGUES MAY 26 AT THE
 ULIMO REDOUBT IN TUBMANBURG. THE KRAHNS WERE APPARENTLY
 GETTING THE BETTER OF THE MANDINGOS AND ETHNIC RETRIBUTION
 IS LIKELY. UNSR GORDON-SOMERS CONTINUED EFFORTS TO
 MEDIATE A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS, BUT A
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NEAR-TERM POLITICAL SOLUTION APPEARS REMOTE. AS OF LATE THURSDAY, UNOMIL AND ECOMOG FORCES NEAR TUBMANBURG HAD NOT BEEN AFFECTED. MONROVIA REMAINED CALM, BUT SECURITY OFFICIALS THERE TOOK PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT A SPILLOVER OF KRAHN-MANDINGO VIOLENCE. IT IS UNCLEAR HOW THE ULIMO SPLIT WILL AFFECT THE PEACE PROCESS, THOUGH IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE KRAHNS WILL SEEK THE REMOVAL OF ULIMO MANDINGOS FROM THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT

UGANDAN PEACEKEEPERS ABDUCTED:
NINE UGANDAN SOLDIERS SERVING WITH ECOMOG WERE ABDUCTED BY THE LIBERIA PEACE COUNCIL MILITIA NEAR BUCHANAN MAY 26. ECOMOG WAS REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATING WITH THE LPC FOR THE UGANDANS' RELEASE. LPC OFFICIALS IN MONROVIA DENIED ANY PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACTION. EARLIER IN THE WEEK THE LPC PUBLICLY REJECTED CHARGES BY THE USG AND AFRICA WATCH THAT THE REBEL GROUP WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. IN THE SAME STATEMENT, THE LPC CRITICIZED "US-SUPPORTED UGANDAN TROOPS" FOR A PUTATIVE BIAS TOWARD THE NPFL.

MEETING WITH PROJECT LIBERIA CONSORTIUM:
AID AND STATE MET 5/26 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PROJECT LIBERIA (PLI). USG PARTICIPANTS INFORMED PLI THAT WE ARE SEEKING FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT, BUT MOST SOURCES ARE BROOKED. STATE SAID THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION TO WAIVE BROOKE IS ON HOLD PENDING SIGNIFICANT PROGRES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE ACCORDS, AND SUGGESTED THAT MONEY CONSTRAINTS REQUIRE ORDERING OF ACTIVITIES IN ANY CASE. ALL AGREED THAT SUPPORT FOR CIVIC EDUCATION, THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION, AND PROGRAMS FOSTERING POLITICAL

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WILL IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY WERE MOST IMPORTANT IN AN INITIAL PHASE OF THE PROJECT. THE CONSORTIUM PROMISED TO PROVIDE A PRIORITIZED LIST OF PROPOSED ACTIONS.

MAURITANIA

--KING OF SPAIN PAYS SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO MAURITANIA:
KING JUAN CARLOS AND QUEEN SOPHIA'S MAY 23-25 VISIT TO MAURITANIA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

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FROM BOTH COUNTRIES' VIEWPOINTS. IT WAS MAURITANIA'S HIGHEST RANKING VISIT IN OVER 20 YEARS, MARKING A MAJOR STEP IN THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL REHABILITATION FOLLOWING ITS SENEGAL CRISIS/GULF WAR ISOLATION. THE SPANIARDS REEMPHASIZED THEIR INTEREST IN THE MAGHREB, REINFORCED THEIR POSITION AS MAURITANIA'S NUMBER TWO TRADING PARTNER, AND TIED THE KING'S ENDORSEMENT TO GIRM PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE WARM FEELINGS ENGENDERED BY THE VISIT SHOULD BENEFIT EXPANSION OF A LARGELY TROUBLE-FREE TRADE AND AID RELATIONSHIP.

--TAYA AND OPPOSITION PARTIES STILL TALK PAST EACH OTHER: TWO YEARS INTO MAURITANIA'S EFFORT AT DEMOCRATIZATION, THE MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT (GIRM) AND ITS OPPOSITION HAVE NO MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE OR DEBATE ON NATIONAL ISSUES. EACH SIDE SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN ITS OWN POSITION AND/OR UNDERMINE THE OTHER'S IN PREPARATION FOR ONE OF THE PERIODIC ELECTIONS. THE GOVERNMENT PARTY (PRDS) DOES NOT NEED TO NEGOTIATE WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES TO OBTAIN REQUIRED MAJORITIES TO PASS LEGISLATION IN PARLIAMENT. AGAINST DEMONSTRATIONS AND MASS ACTION, THE OPPOSITION LEADERS

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CALL FOR DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH THE GIRM, BUT PRESIDENT TAYA'S FEW CONTACTS WITH THEM HAVE BEEN DESIGNED MORE TO DIVIDE THAN TO OPEN A DIALOGUE.

--WESTERN SAHARA: REGISTRATION IN MAURITANIA:
IN EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT'S VIEW, THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT'S PUSH TO PUT IN QUESTION SAHRAWI VOTER REGISTRATION EFFORTS IN MAURITANIA IS DUE TO MOROCCAN CONCERN - PROBABLY JUSTIFIED - THAT MOST OF THE 5,000 ELIGIBLE SAHRAWIS WOULD VOTE FOR INDEPENDENCE. THERE IS NO SIGN THAT MAURITANIA IS BEING DESTABILIZED BY THE UN-REQUESTED REGISTRATION PROCESS ALREADY UNDERWAY. HOWEVER, GIRM FEARS OF BECOMING ENTANGLED IN THE REFERENDUM ARRANGEMENTS AND ANTAGONIZING EITHER OR BOTH PARTIES MAY HAVE BEEN REALIZED. MOROCCO NOW WANTS ACCESS TO SAHRAWIS RESIDENTS IN MAURITANIA EQUAL TO THAT WHICH IT CLAIMS THE POLISARIO NOW ENJOYS.

NIGERIA

--CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE ELECTIONS FLOP:
THE MAY 23 DELEGATE SELECTION ELECTION WAS CLEARLY A DEFEAT FOR THE ABACHA REGIME. A WIDELY OBSERVED BOYCOTT DEMONSTRATED THAT THE TRANSITION PROGRAM AND BY EXTENSION

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THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT, HAVE LITTLE PUBLIC SUPPORT. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO OBLIGED THE OPPOSITION BY ARRESTING KEY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS BEFORE THE CONTEST, CREATING "MARTYRS" AT A CRUCIAL PERIOD. THE OPPOSITION, EMBODENED BY THE EVENTS, PLANS TO STEP UP ITS ACTIVITIES.

--LABOR UNIONS THREATEN GENERAL STRIKE:
SENIOR LABOR UNION STAFFERS SAY THEIR GROUPS WILL JOIN A
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GENERAL STRIKE IF ABACHA IGNORES THE OPPOSITION COALITION (NADECO) DEMAND THAT HE STEP DOWN BY MAY 31. WHILE THE GROUPS ARE BUOYED BY THEIR MAY 23 SUCCESS, THEY MAY BE OVERCONFIDENT AND UNDERESTIMATE ABACHA'S STAYING POWER. IF, HOWEVER, THE PETROLEUM WORKERS AND OTHER KEY UNIONS JOIN IN THEY COULD QUICKLY BRING MOST ECONOMIC ACTIVITY TO A HALT AND INCREASE PRESSURE ON ABACHA. STAY TUNED.

SENEGAL

--PRESIDENT DIOUF'S SUCCESSFUL U.S. VISIT:
AFTER HIS MAY 23 MEETING WITH SENEGALESE PRESIDENT DIOUF, PRESIDENT CLINTON'S APPRECIATION OF THE SESSION WAS SUCH THAT HE PLANS TO MEET WITH MORE AFRICAN LEADERS BEFORE YEAR'S END. PRESIDENT DIOUF'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM INCLUDED A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY VICE PRESIDENT GORE AND MEETINGS WITH THE DEFENSE SECRETARY. IMF AND IBRD OFFICIALS. THE VICE PRESIDENT SUPPORTED DIOUF'S CALL FOR ACTION-ORIENTED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE G-7 AND G-15 AND AGREED THAT TREASURY WOULD FOLLOW-UP WITH FINANCE MINISTER SAKHO ON ADB ISSUES IN EARLY JUNE. PRESIDENT DIOUF ALSO RECEIVED AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT ON MAY 22.

--SENEGAL PLEDGES TROOPS FOR UNAMIR OPERATION IN RWANDA:
UPON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT DIOUF ANNOUNCED AT AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE THAT SENEGAL WOULD AUGMENT ITS TROOP CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNAMIR OPERATION IN RWANDA, CONTINGENT UPON FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM OTHERS. HE LINKED THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON RWANDA TO SENEGALESE PLANS TO ESTABLISH A PEACEKEEPING OPERATION
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BATTALION OF ABOUT 550 MEN. CURRENTLY, SENEGAL HAS 29 OFFICERS SERVING IN RWANDA.

--ATTORNEY FOR PDS WANTS CASES DISMISSED:
MADICKE NIANG, ATTORNEY FOR SENEGALESE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

(PDS) LEADER ADBOULAYE WADE TOLD POLOFF ON MAY 24 THAT CHARGES AGAINST WADE AND OTHER PDS MEMBERS SHOULD BE DISMISSED. NIANG REPRESENTS WADE O CHARGES OF COMPLICITY IN THE MAY 1993 ASSASSINATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL COURT JUDGE BABACAR SEYE AND ON CHARGES OF CRIMES AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE STATE STEMMING FROM THE FEBRUARY 1994 RIOTS. NIANG ASKED NO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DIOUF VISIT TO THE U.S. AND APPEARED GENUINELY MORE INTERESTED IN THE LAW THAN IN THE POLITICAL TRAPPINGS.

SIERRA LEONE

--A/S MOOSE WITH LADY CHALKER:
ON 5/26 THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY REVIEWED PROGRAMS IN SIERRA LEONE WITH THE UK MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT. CHALKER SAID SHE THOUGHT THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY WAS SERIOUS BUT NOT "IRREPARABLE", AND THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF KELLIE CONTEH WAS ENCOURAGING. SHE HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF REBUILDING THE SL MILITARY TO EFFORTS TO RESTORE SECURITY. SHE AGREED TO SEE WHAT MORE HMG MIGHT DO TO SUPPORT THE SIERRA LEONEANS IN THIS, AND ALSO TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH GANAIAAN PRESIDENT RAWLINGS. MOOSE UNDERLINED CONCERNS ABOUT A POSSIBLE DETERIORATION IN THE RELIEF SITUATION AND THE LIMITS OF OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE MORE ASSISTANCE. CHALKER SAID SHE

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WAS FOLLOWING THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND THAT THE UK WAS TRYING TO EXPAND SUPPORT TO NGO'S AND UN AGENCIES.

TOGO

-- AT LAST, KODJO NAMES A CABINET:
THE EVENING OF MAY 25, PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE EDEM KODJO MADE PUBLIC THE NAMES OF A NEW 19-MEMBER CABINET, CONCLUDING A MONTH OF MANEUVERING BETWEEN KODJO, YAOVI AGBOYIBOR--LEADER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S LARGEST PARTY, WHO FEELS THAT BY ALL RIGHTS HE SHOULD BE PRIME MINISTER--AND PRESIDENT EYADEMA. A SLIGHT MAJORITY OF THE CABINET IS MORE OR LESS SUPPORTIVE OF EYADEMA ALTHOUGH

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THERE IS ALSO A GOOD MIX OF TECHNOCRATS AND DISCREET
OPPOSITION SYMPATHIZERS AND TWO OVERT MEMBERS OF KODJO'S
UTD. THE CABINET AVOIDS EXTREMES: THERE ARE NO RABID
OPPOSITION FIGURES AND NO HARDLINE RFT TYPES. THERE IS
CONCERN THAT KODJO'S GOVERNMENT WILL YIELD WHEN EYADEMA
LEANS ON IT.

11. (U) THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

HOUSE PASSES FY95 FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

-- THE HOUSE PASSED ITS VERSION OF THE FY95 FOREIGN
OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL (H.R. 4426) ON MAY 25
(DETAILS OF THE BILL'S PROVISIONS WERE REPORTED IN LAST
WEEK'S THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS).

-- THE HOUSE DEFEATED AN ATTEMPT BY HFAC AF SUBCOMMITTEE
RANKING REPUBLICAN DAN BURTON TO LIMIT FY95 FUNDING FOR
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SOUTH AFRICA TO THE FY94 LEVELS (321 DAYS, 103 YEARS).
THERE WERE NOT MANY SPEAKERS ON BURTON'S SIDE. OBEY,
JOHNSTON, GEFHARDT, MANY CBC MEMBERS AND THE RANKING
REPUBLICAN ON OBEY'S SUBCOMMITTEE WERE AMONG THOSE ARGUING
FOR DEFEAT OF THE BURTON AMENDMENT.

-- LEGALLY NON-BINDING DRAFT REPORT LANGUAGE ACCOMPANYING
H.R. 4426 ADDRESSES THE SOUTH AFRICA INITIATIVE; THE NEED
TO HELP AFRICANS STRENGTHEN CONFLICT RESOLUTION
CAPABILITIES IN AFRICA; CONCERN WITH SUDAN; CONCERN WITH
DROUGHT IN THE HORN; CONCERN WITH THE SITUATION IN RWANDA
AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION PROVIDE 50 MILLION
DOLLARS FOR SADCC.

NEXT STEP -- THE SENATE WILL MARK-UP ITS VERSION (DATE NOT
YET SPECIFIED).

FOREIGN AID AUTHORIZATION BILL

-- THE SENATE IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE THIS UP ON JUNE 8.
FINAL PASSAGE OF AN AUTHORIZATION BILL THIS YEAR IS FAR
FROM CERTAIN. THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL
WILL GOVERN IF CONGRESS DOES NOT PASS THE AUTHORIZATION
BILL.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

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-- S. 2082, THE INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT IS PENDING
IN THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. AS PRESENTLY
WRITTEN, S.2082 WOULD REPEAL SEC. 107, THE STATUTORY
PROHIBITION AGAINST COOPERATIVE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION
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ACTIVITIES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA. THE
SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE REPORTED S. 2082
ON MAY 5.

UPCOMING HFAC AF SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING

-- A/S MOOSE TESTIFIES ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN AFRICA ON
JUNE 8.

SUDAN

-- SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MELISSA WELLS MADE CALLS ON
CONGRESSMEN JOHNSTON, BURTON AND WOLF ON MAY 25. ALL WERE
PLEASED WITH HER APPOINTMENT AND PLANNED UPCOMING TRIP TO
THE HORN. THEY OFFERED TO ASSIST AMBASSADOR WELLS IN ANY
WAY THEY COULD.

RWANDA

-- AF/C DIRECTOR ARLENE RENDER PARTICIPATED IN INTERAGENCY
BRIEFINGS OF HFAC AND SFRC STAFF AND OF AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE (AND CBC) MEMBER EVA CLAYTON THIS WEEK. WHILE
MOST OF THOSE BRIEFED SUPPORTED OUR APPROACH ON RWANDA,
THERE ARE CLEARLY TWO VOCIFEROUS CAMPS ON THE TWO EXTREMES
-- THOSE WHO WANT THE U.S.G. MORE ENGAGED AND ACTIVELY
SUPPORT BOUTROS BOUTROS AND THOSE WHO EXPRESSED CONCERN
WITH WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE THE VAGUENESS OF THE UNSC
RESOLUTION. THE LATTER MADE CLEAR THEIR INTENTION TO
QUESTION THE FUNDING OF ANY USG ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE
ACTIONS CALLED FOR IN THE UNSC RESOLUTION.

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CONGRESS IN RECESS

-- CONGRESS IS IN ITS MEMORIAL DAY RECESS (MAY 27 -

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12. (U) CALENDAR 1994

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MAY 21-28 NIGERIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION DELEGATES
ELECTIONS.

MAY 22: PRESIDENT DIOUF OF SENEGAL TO RECEIVE
HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF
CONNECTICUT.

JUNE
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JUNE 5: ETHIOPIAN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTION.

JULY 3: PRESIDENTIAL AND LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN
GUINEA-BISSAU

AUGUST
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AUG. 28: MUNICIPAL AND DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIONS IN
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GABON.

END OF REPORT.

13. (LOU) A FINAL REMINDER: PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT
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LUANDA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER

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